Production of coir beds and pillows

579. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute of Coir Technology, Bangalore has started production of rubberised Coir and Pillows;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the unusual delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Institute of Coir Technology, Bangalore has been set up by the Board to give particular attention to Research activities in Brown Fibre Sector. The Central Institute of Coir Technology being a Research Institute does not undertake production of rubberised coir beds and pillows. There are no facilities for undertaking production of rubberised coir beds and pillows at this Institute.

Setting up of salt producing unit near Kandla Port

580. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a multi-national agency has been permitted to set up a salt producing unit on the land opposite to Kandla Port Trust;

(b) whether the Port authorities had earlier rejected the proposal; and

(c) what are the reasons for revising the earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) A letter of permission has been issued to M/s. Cargill Southeast Asia Ltd., Singapore, in August, 1992 to set up a 100% Export Oriented Unit in Kutch District of Gujarat for manufacture of 10 lakh tonnes of solar salt per annum with the condition that entire (100%) production shall be exported to General Currency Area/Hard Currency Area Countries. The party had later on approached the Kandla Port Trust for allotment of 15,000 acres of land which was not approved by the Kandla Port Trust Board.

Introduction of "Zen" model by MUL

581. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Ltd. is introducting a new car model "Zen";

(b) what is the estimated cost of this car; and

(c) what are the prospects of its exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ex-factory price of the car is Rs. 2.81 lakhs.

(c) The car has been designed to be sold in the EEC and other West European countries through the sales network of Suzuki Motor Corporation. It is expected that the sales could reach a level of about 50,000 vehicles per annum by 1997-98.

Recession in Industrial Sector

582. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a serious recession in the industrial sector;

(b) whether this recession has affected a number of core industries; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) According to the latest quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production as compiled by CSO, the overall rate of growth during 1992-93 was 1.3% as compared to (−) 0.2% in 1991-92.

(c) The recent policy initiatives taken by the Government since July '91 and the measures taken in the Union Budgets 1992-93 & 93-94

have aimed at accelerating the overall industrial production. These includes rationalisation and simplification of tariff structure, reduction of the import and excise duties, increase in the central plan allocation for infrastructure, stimulus to the aggregate demand by increased plan outlays, increase availability of credit by reduction of Statutory Liquidity Ratio and reduction of minimum lending rates on commercial advances.

Industrial Township at NOIDA by JICA

583. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is negotiating with the Government to establish an ideal industrial township in NOIDA;

(b) if so, whether a preliminary report has been submitted to Government by the JICA on the NOIDA project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) With a view to set up, if found feasible, an industrial model town in India, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is conducting a Master Plan study of various sites including NOIDA. Interim Report has been submitted by JICA. No decision about the selection of site has been taken.

Production Target for 1992-93

584. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial production targets fixed for 1992-93 and actual production;

(b) what are the reasons for decline in industrial production;

(c) whether the cement industry is in the grip of recession; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to accelerate the growth of the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No overall annual targets for industrial production are fixed by this ministry.

(b) According to the Quick Estimate of the Index of Industrial Production, the overall rate of growth of industrial production during 1992-93 was 1.3% as against growth rate of (—) 0.2% recorded in 1991-92.

(c) The actual production of cement in 1992-93 was 54.14 MT compared to the target of 56.5 MT. The shortfall in production is attributed mainly to sluggish market conditions and demand constraints.

(d) The cement industry has been delicensed and control on price and distribution has been removed. The Government is however, constantly reviewing the performance of the cement industry and providing infrastructural support such as supply of coal, railway wagons etc. on priority basis. Assistance for modernisation and technological upgradation of industry to improve its competitiveness is also provided.

Simplification of Regulatory Regime

585. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have announced rationalisation and simplification of the administrative and regulatory regime in tune with Centre's New Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what has been the response of industrialists thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Union Government had suggested to all the State Governments to announce appropriate industrial policies in order to attract industries to their respective States. As per information available, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa,